

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

15 DECEMBER 2004

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date in the RI Department of Health, Room 104, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:40a.m.

Board members in attendance were:

**Joseph G. Samartano, Chairman Francis Connor, DDS,
Vice-Chairman**

Michael Rubinstein, DDS Henry Levin, DMD

Richard Glick, DDS Andrew Molak, DMD

Mary Lou Buonaccorsi Kathleen Gazzola, RDH

Mr. Charles Matoian Mr. Bernard Manchester

Linda Rusack, RDH

Staff members in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator

Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel

Others in attendance were:

Valarie Donnelly, Executive Director, RIDA

Robin Lawrence, DDS

George Resnevic, DMD

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the “Open Minutes” of the 17 November 2004 meeting.. Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Mrs. Gazzola, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

Dental Licensing Sub-Committee:

Dr. Connor reported that the Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure had reviewed the applications and credentials of the following candidates who had applied for licensure:

Robert Limb, DMD* National Board & NERB 1995

Tufts University - 1995

Lawrence Limb, DMD* National Board & NERB 1997

Tufts University - 1997

***Pending AADE**

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**Angeles Felix, DMD National Board & Nerb 2004 Boston
University, 2004**

****Pending AADE/NPDB, National Boards**

**Luis F. Rosario, DDS Nat Board & Florida State Exam
Marquette University -1991**

Paul E. Gutt, DDS * National Board & NERB
Univ. of Michigan – 1992**

*****Pending AADE/NPDB, National Boards**

Daphne Papaefthimiou, DDS** Nat. Board & Central Regionals
Creighton University – 2003**

******Pending AADE/NPDA, Birth Certificate**

**Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Molak, it was Voted by the
Board to issue the aforementioned individuals licenses to practice
dentistry in Rhode Island pending receipt of the noted documents.**

Dental Hygiene Licensing Sub-Committee:

Mrs. Rusack reported that the Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure had reviewed the application and credentials of the following candidate who had applied for licensure:

**Linda Lucksinger National Board & CT Licensure
Fones School of Dental Hygiene 1963
Licensed in Connecticut since 1963**

Upon motion of Dr. Connor, seconded Dr. Levin,, it was Voted by the Board to issue the aforementioned individual a license to practice dental hygiene in Rhode Island.

The Chairman advised the Board that the ADA has announced twenty-two vacancies on the National Board Dental Test Construction Committee (TTCs) and five vacancies on the Dental Hygiene TTCs for appointment in 2006. The Administrator has application packages for anyone who is interested in applying.

At this time, Dr. George Resnevic, Chairman of NERB's Public Advocacy Committee, apprised the Board of the status of movement of the ADA towards one national clinical licensure examination. He informed the Board that NERB is in favor of such an examination. Dr.

Resnevic also spoke about the PGY1 pathway to licensure being utilized in New York. He advised the New York State Dental Board has proposed that the PGY1 be the only pathway to initial licensure in New York.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 19 January 2005.

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the “Open Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the “Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. Molak, seconded by Dr. Connor, the Board voted unanimously to enter into “Executive

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Session” at 10:05 a.m. Dr. Resnevic, Ms. Donnelly and Dr. Lawrence recused themselves from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Donnelly and Dr. Lawrence returned to the meeting at this time.

Decisions Ratified in Closed Session

Dr. Samartano requested that any decisions ratified during the “Closed Executive Session” be made public for the record, as well as, any business discussed which should be disclosed in the “Open Meeting.

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 17 November 2004 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Connor, seconded by Dr. Levin, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

Mrs. Gazzola advised the Board that she is in the process of making arrangements for a post holiday get-together on January 7, 2005 for current Board members and the RI NERB Delegates. She distributed information to the members and requested that they respond to her as soon as possible so as she may finalize the arrangements.

Upon motion of Dr. Molak, seconded by Dr. Glick, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph G. Samartano, DDS,
Chairman
RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry